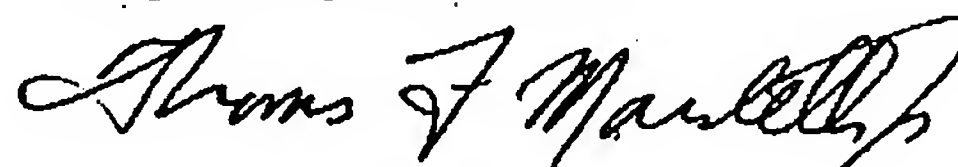


REMARKS

Applicants suggest that the claims submitted on August 29, 2004 include the proper status identifier. Specifically, claim 3 is to be amended by deleting the text between the double brackets that is shown as the following in the claim: [[_Ref67989250]].

This office has attempted to call the Legal Instrument Examiner, but has been unable to discuss this matter. If further action is required, please call the undersigned.

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